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SUBJECT: DAYAN STATEMENT ON SITUATION IN LEBANON

1. DAYAN STATEMENT REPORTED FBIS M091953 AND TELAVIV 3673 IS EXACTLY SORT OF UNHELPFUL PUBLIC DECLARATION WE REFERRED TO IN OUR 51 54 (NOTAL). IT HAS BEEN HEARD AND NOTED WITH CONCERN BY PRESIDENCY HERE, PICKED UP BY LOCAL PRESS (DESPITE CENSORSHIP AND SHORTAGES OF NEWSPRINT), AND HAS MADE PREDICTABLE IMPACT ON FEDAYEEN AND THEIR SYMPATHIZERS AMONG LOCAL POPULATION.

2. REACTION FROM PRESIDENCY WAS ONE OF DISMAY WITH RESPECT TO DAYANS STATEMENT THAT " ISRAEL WOULD CONTINUE TO EXERT PRESSURE ON LEBANON" SINCE PRESENT FIGHT ONLY TO STOP VIOLA-  
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TIONS LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY AND NOT FIGHT AGAINST "TERRORISTS"  
(SEEN AS EUPHEMISM FOR ALL FEDAYEEN OR PERHAPS PALESTINIANS  
GENERALLY). DAYANS IMPLICIT GREEN LIGHT TO SYRIANS TO CON-  
TINUE INDIRECT, YET SIGNIFICANT, ARMED INTERFERENCE IN OPPOSI-  
TION TO GOL ALSO NOTED WITH SOME CONCERN NOT RPT NOT BECAUSE  
GOL WISHES ISRAEL TO PUBLICLY PROCLAIM ITSELF AS "INTER- ARAB  
POLICE" BUT BECAUSE THEY FEAR IT MAY REPRESENT REAL POSITION OF  
GOI AT TIME WHEN GOL NEEDED ALL SUPPORT IT COULD GET IN TRYING  
TO END INFILTRATION OF ARMS AND MEN FROM SYRIA AS WELL AS  
SYRIAN AGITATION AMONG LEBANESE SUNNI MOSLEMS AND FEDAYEEN  
GOL HAD BEEN HOPING THAT GOI, IN PRIVATE AND NOT PUBLIC, WOULD  
TRY AND DETER EVEN SYRIAN INDIRECT INTERVENTION.

3. POPULAR REACTION UNFAVORABLE ON BOTH PRO- AND ANTI- GOL  
SIDES. FEDAYEEN AND THEIR SUPPORTERS NATURALLY POINT TO  
SPEECH AS FURTHER REASON WHY THEY MUST NOT ALLOW THEMSELVES  
BE DISARMED, IE, THEY MUST RETAIN THEIR OWN ARMED FORCE  
TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST MORE ISRAELI ATTACKS SUCH AS  
NAHR EL BARED AND BEIRUT. PRO- GOL OPINION SEES IT AS  
ONOTHER TIGHTENING OF SCREW BY ISRAEL ON LEBANON IN EFFORT  
PROVOKE FULL SCALE FIGHT AND POSSIBLE CIVIL WAR.

4. COMMENT: AT TIME WHEN GOL TRYING TO CALM POPULAR  
PASSIONS, AND WORK TO ESTABLISH TIGHTER CONTROLS ON FEDAYEEN  
(EVEN IF THESE MAY NOT BE ALL THAT ISRAEL MIGHT DESIRE) WE  
CONTINUE THINK IT WOULD BE IN INTERESTS OF USG FOR GOI  
TO MAKE EFFORT DISCREETLY SUPPORT GOL RATHER THAN MAKING  
SITUATION MORE DIFFICULT. HOWEVER WE RECOGNIZE THAT  
GOI OUTLOOK IS QUITE DIFFERENT AND DAYANS STATEMENT  
PROBABLY ACCURATE REFLECTION OF GOI OUTLOOK.  
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NOTE BY OCT: NOT PASSED CAIRO.

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